

Town of Wenham

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator

RE: Town Administrator's Report

DATE: June 19, 2018

Wenham Pines

With all local and state permits in place, site work at 56-60 Main Street has recently begun. The demolition of the pro shop is now complete and road construction is just getting started. The Town has a peer review engineer on site on a regular basis, ensuring compliance with all permit conditions. Once the access road, stormwater drainage system, and septic system are installed, construction of the 22 new units will commence. As a reminder, all new units, which will be constructed in phases, will be situated a minimum of 500 feet back from Route 1A. Tree removal is also being kept to a minimum, with many of the large pines being preserved, and the developers have a landscaping plan that includes planting additional trees on the site as well.

Town Hall Campus

As you may recall, Town Meeting approved \$18k in funding from Free Cash for FY18 and another \$18k for FY19 to fully paint the exterior of Town Hall. The prep work was completed this past weekend, and painting will start on the first two sides later this week. The other two sides will be painted in July, after which the newly repainted shutters will be reinstalled.

With the foundation work now complete, the prefabricated shed to house our historic fire pumper, Enon One, is scheduled for delivery and installation on Monday June 25. Additional site amenities including finish painting, landscaping, and interpretive signage will be completed over the summer months before the ribbon cutting event on September 8.

Street Tree Removal and Planting Plan

Last night, the Finance and Advisory Committee approved a Reserve Fund Transfer Request in the amount of \$25k. This funding will cover \$14k in hazard tree removals based on a combination of the findings from our recent assessment report and requests from residents. It will also allow the DPW to plant up to 20 new street trees by next June – the first step to strategically and systematically replace the many trees that have been removed over the past several years, with more to come in the years ahead.